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PURPOSE

The purpose of this bulletin is to notify all Narcotic Treatment Programs (NTP) of a change in the Department of Alcohol and Drug Program's (ADP) policy regarding admission requirements.

DISCUSSION

NTP patients are required to receive a physical examination before being admitted into detoxification or maintenance treatment. When the physician is not present at the program, the physician extender may provide the necessary admission requirements with a physician's verbal order and signature, via facsimile, on the day of admission. This policy has created a hardship on the programs as well as the physicians. In order to lessen the burden and align with standard practices of the medical community, ADP has approved physicians to counter-sign the admission physical within three days of the patient being admitted. ADP will revise the California Code of Regulations, Title 9, to reflect this change.

REFERENCES

California Code of Regulations, Title 9, Section 10270.

BACKGROUND

Before admitting an applicant to detoxification or maintenance treatment, the medical director shall either conduct a medical evaluation or document his or her review and concurrence of a medical evaluation conducted by the physician extender.



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